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Chief of Station, [REDACTED]

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- Air-Conditioning in quarters, [REDACTED]

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Reference - [REDACTED]

Headquarters Action Requested: Approval.

1. It is requested that authority be granted for procurement and installation of air-conditioning in quarters on the basis of one unit per bedroom utilized by KUBARK employees and their dependents.

2. In this connection, it is requested that relief from Paragraph 3 of reference be granted. In a hot, humid climate such as [REDACTED] whether the wet-bulb, dry-bulb temperature ever attains the criteria established in paragraph 3 of [REDACTED] becomes purely academic. The [REDACTED] weather Bureau has recorded at three hour intervals the wet, dry and relative humidity readings for 81 years. The question of this criteria was posed to them and resulted in a complete review of their statistics. The only times that this criteria was met were three times at 1400 hours during April, May and June of 1953, and 8 times during period of April-June 1955. Manila has three seasons; the hot, "dry" season of April, May and June; the hot, wet season of July through November; the "cool" season of December through March. June, which is considered the warmest month, averages 82.6° F; the coolest month, January, averages 77.7° F. Humidity rarely goes under 78%, the highest being recorded at 0300 hours when the temperature is lowest; the temperature rarely exceeds 100° or goes below 70°. In essence, nine months of the year the visitor and the resident of [REDACTED] can expect to be acutely uncomfortable; the remaining three he can expect to be uncomfortable.

3. In addition to the climatic conditions is the problem of noise level encountered in the [REDACTED] in particular. In the city of [REDACTED] and buses constantly travel the streets. Mufflers seem to have been replaced by loud speakers and straight exhaust pipes. Even the

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visitor, living in the air-conditioned comfort of rooms at the [REDACTED] is disconcerted by the raucous sounds of buses in first or low-low gears. Without air-conditioning and the windows opened to gain any breeze in existence, you experience the feeling of vehicular traffic going through your bedroom. Several of the personnel of this station have retreated to the suburbs in the hopes of gaining breezes and quiet. This too has been a delusion, for the average [REDACTED] seems possessed to keep his spirits up by shouting in relays all night; plus having fighting cocks who challenge at all hours, dogs chasing real and imaginary enemies, and radios played like a Mi-Fi fanatic. For decibel level, there is little advantage of suburb over city living in the [REDACTED]

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4. Additionally, there is the problem of bugs. There isn't in existence a screen made that can bar the small mosquitoes native to this country who are a constant problem and who seem to relish as vitamins, DDT. These itching bites, coupled with heat rash, soon become (especially with children) unsightly sores and the basis for low morale with parents as well as the individual.

5. [REDACTED] personnel pose a particular problem. The larger portion of [REDACTED] personnel work shift-work, which means that they sleep during the hottest part of the day. It is believed that it was the intent of Para 3j, [REDACTED] to cover situations of this type. Shift-work in a temperate climate is difficult enough and becomes an extreme hardship which can, and often does, affect health when performed in the enervating heat of the tropics. There is no question to any resident of [REDACTED] whether short or long term, that air-conditioning would result in more efficient operation, which is a criterion of the basic regulation. In passing, it should be noted that in [REDACTED] the very individuals on shift-work are the lowest graded KUBARK personnel and, hence, the least able to afford privately-owned air-conditioners.

6. Taking all aspects into consideration; grade scale, working conditions, heat, humidity, noise, bugs, and morale, the approval of air-conditioning as requested would appear to be a small price to pay--especially when this station, like many others, experiences the past lack of policy whereby certain few individuals have requested and obtained air-conditioning at KUBARK expense for bedrooms, while others have been denied the opportunity.

7. The following information is supplied in accordance with Para 4 of Reference:

a. Air-Conditioner, 3/4 ton, window type. Total number required

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b. 220-Volt, 60-Cycle, 3 phase available power supply.

c. Available power supply (████████ Electric Co.) is capable of carrying the additional load caused by installation of the air-conditioners.

d. Intended use -- see 7a, above.

e. Installation of equipment would be consonant with current cover arrangement. No cover under which this station operates in ██████████ prohibits the use of air-conditioners. The air-conditioners would be obtained as ostensible private purchases through a cooperative procurement.

f. See Para 2 through 6, above.

g. Air-conditioners of the 3/4 ton variety are currently selling in ██████████ in the area from \$225 to \$274 each. This price can be bettered through local dealers ordering the units for the contemplated 'cooperative.' Installation runs \$10.00 per unit; special 220-volt lines run approximately \$21.00. No water cooling is required. As for manufactured products available in the ██████████ area, beside the locally built product, ██████████ the following are available and serviced locally through authorized dealers: York, Werthington, Carrier, Emerson, Admiral, Gibson, Fedders, and General Electric.

h. The recommended method of procurement is locally thru either the ██████████ or one of the local dealers on best price basis. As the transaction would be ostensibly on an individual, through cooperative basis the use of other than the process of applying for individual import exemption certificates would not be practical.

i. Adequate servicing facilities and parts for above-mentioned brands (see g above) are maintained in the ██████████ area.

j. The dimensions and types of construction of the houses and individual bedrooms necessarily vary with the house. The ██████████ Electric Company has been contacted and they have advised that except for the largest of rooms, the average bedroom is adequately air-conditioned by a 3/4 unit.

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k. In each lease for house, there is a clause which states that the installation of air-conditioning will be subject to prior agreement with the land lord. However, provision is made for occupant installed equipment to be taken from the house. The only loss in individual cases might be the installation of the special power lines (\$21.00).

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4 - Addressee

Attachment - 1:

Air-conditioning requirements
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